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RESOLUTION

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No. C2-35(7)/51.—With the introduction of control on coal in 1944 and the unification, in the hands of the late Department of Supply, of the functions regarding production and distribution of coal, the management of the Railway Collieries was transferred from the Railway Department to the Department of Supply, with effect from the 1st June 1944, in accordance with the arrangements outlined in that Department O.M. No. Coal.23(13) dated the 8th June 1944. The State Railway Coal Department including the entire staff was placed under the administrative control of the Coal Commissioner.

2. Although the immediate objective of unification of the functions relating to production and distribution of coal was achieved by this transfer, it was considered that the arrangement under which the ownership of these collieries remained with the Railway Ministry while the control vested with another Ministry was neither logical nor convenient. The alternatives of retransferring the management of the collieries to the Railway Ministry, who owns them or of transferring their ownership to the production Ministry, who manages them at present, have been carefully considered. Taking all factors into consideration the President has been pleased to decide that the ownership of the Railway Collieries should be transferred to the Ministry of Production, which is the Ministry entrusted with the responsibility to control and manage the coal industry. The transfer of the ownership of the Railway Collieries to the Ministry of Production will be effective from the 1st April 1954.

3. The details of the transfer including the financial adjustment between the Central and Railway Revenues, and the future form of management of these collieries, are under consideration and will be the subject of separate orders.

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